

## **Easterling, Deborah**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:34 PM  
**To:** [deborah@dukeenergy.com](mailto:deborah@dukeenergy.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Voice of Opposition to Duke Energy

Dear Albert and Sandy Brown,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Jocelyn  
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:57 AM  
To: Easterling, Deborah; Duke, Daphne; DeSanty, Tricia  
Subject: FW: Voice of Opposition to Duke Energy

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Brown [mailto:[sandra.brown@dukeenergy.com](mailto:sandra.brown@dukeenergy.com)]  
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 3:12 PM  
To: Boyd, Jocelyn  
Subject: Voice of Opposition to Duke Energy

Dear Ms. Boyd,

I want to add my voice to the multitude of voices in my community opposing the Duke Energy plan that will so adversely affect the economic vitality, property values and outstanding beauty of the Carolina Foothills.

Like so many of our neighbors, we moved to the area when we retired because of the pristine beauty and the equestrian focus. We were amazed at the foresight of the community in establishing conservation easements, horseback riding trails with easements, and planned communities of horse farms.

Our 2,000 acre North Pacolet Association, through which one of the proposed lines would pass, consists of 35 beautiful horse farms with strict covenants for green space preservation as well as a working farm with cattle and crop fields. We have height restrictions and all building sites must be reviewed and approved in order to maintain the green space. All members of our homeowners association take these covenants very seriously because they protect and enhance our property values.

One line would pass through our association and directly behind Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church where we are members. It was established in the 1830s, and designated as a historic site by the United Methodist Church. The

current sanctuary, which replaced the original log structure, was dedicated in 1875 and still serves an active congregation committed to serving the greater community and preserving the church as a place of quiet dignity in keeping with its historic character.

Although the first known interment in the church cemetery was the burial of Susannah Jackson in 1859, the presence of fieldstone markers suggests that several church members, including slaves owned by the Jackson family, may have been buried on the site much earlier. The North Pacolet River Valley of today is still a rural landscape, offering unobstructed views of these historic treasures.

Needless to say, it would be a tragedy for this beautiful community to be marred by the presence of giant towers. We are also very concerned about the well-known health and environmental impacts that come from electrical lines.

From a personal financial perspective, we have invested almost \$2 million in our home, land, barn, and ancillary buildings which were all designed to look old and fitting to the character of the property. We are very concerned about the financial impact to our retirement savings which are heavily invested in this property!

<http://www.foothillspreservationalliance.org>

This web site is a wonderful source of information about our community and the reasons it MUST be preserved!

Thank you for your attention to this matter of critical importance to so many of us living in the beautiful Carolina Foothills.

Sincerely,

Albert and Sandy Brown

Sent from my iPad